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1. Victor Faye, administrative director of the Paris newspaper Combat [redacted] was an important agent of the French Communist Party (FCP) between 1928 and 1934. At that time he was considered a trusted Moscow representative and he presided over most of the purges that took place within the ranks of the Party. He also directed illegal espionage operations for which many members of the FCP respected and feared him. An added factor that facilitated his rise in the Party was that he is of Russian origin.
2. In 1934 and 1935 Faye surprised his Communist followers by leaving the Party, but, according to those who know him, he is not entirely free of his Communist ideology. Although he has broken with the Stalinists and no longer believes wholeheartedly in the Soviet regime, Faye has kept a certain fidelity to his revolutionary ideas and is rather violently anti-American. On the staff of Combat his influence tends to bring about a conciliation with the Communists and he categorically refuses to oppose them openly.

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